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CAMPAIGN 2000: JONES WORRIED AS THE DRAFT RIORDAN FOR GOVERNOR DRIVE PICKS UP STEAM.

Editor's note: L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan has two more weeks in office before being termed out. He hasn't even announced his future political plans: he's just testing the waters for a possible run for governor next year. Yet Calif. Sec. of State Bill Jones(R) is on the attack – accusing Riordan of being a **RINO** – a *Republican In Name Only*. Here's our update & analysis...

...The mayor was off in Mexico vacationing when Jones ripped him while speaking in San Diego to the Conservative Order for Good Govt. In effect, Jones is questioning whether Riordan is a loyal GOPer – to which Jones says *no way*. And Jones backs up his tough talk with some examples which are well known: Riordan did give \$12,500 to Gov. Gray Davis; Riordan did endorse U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein's reelection over GOPer Tom Campbell in 2000; he also endorsed Bill Lockyer for AG in 1998; and way back when, Riordan backed the late Tom Bradley for governor over George Deukmejian in both '82 and '86...

...And why is Jones in an attack mode? GOP campaign consultant Kevin Spillane (The Stonecreek Group) has launched a Draft Riordan for Governor effort and it's been very successful thus far. Some 16 U.S. House members are aboard the effort (U.S. Rep. Buck McKeon leading the charge) and 14 legislators have signed up as well, led by GOP legislators Rod Pacheco, Roy Ashburn and Mark Wyland. And these elected GOPers are both moderates as well as conservatives...

...So why is Spillane doing this? Spillane told Calpeek that if Riordan doesn't run, Demo Gray Davis and his down-ballot Demo colleagues could end up running Calif. for the rest of the decade or beyond. And Spillane is especially concerned about down-ballot GOP candidates, saying that only a strong candidate such as Riordan will help the rest of the ticket...

...And while Riordan is well known and could probably attract a number of Demos to his side in a runoff against

Davis, let's remember that he first must declare his candidacy – and that's not a given, although some L.A. sources think the mayor is beginning to warm to the idea. Spillane says the draft Riordan drive won't stop until the mayor says *stop* and that hasn't happened. Why is Riordan waiting? Sources say he wants to see how the energy crisis unfolds – to see if Davis will survive this summer...

...FYI: If Riordan says YES to Spillane, Calif. could see a very bruising GOP primary with Jones and Bill Simon Jr. pounding away at Riordan. And remember, unlike the last primary, the March 2002 race won't be an Open Primary. Decline to State voters may cross over lines to vote in the GOP primary, but Demos and others political party members cannot. Stay tuned...

L.A. ELECTION: CALPEEK'S WINNERS AND LOSERS.

Editor's note: And now for one of your favorite columns: Calpeek's Winners & Losers from the just completed June 5th L.A. Municipal runoff election. There is nothing objective about this column, so sit back, relax, scream, weep or whatever...

◆ The Big Upset Award – The most amazing thing about the June 5th runoff was not Antonio Villaraigosa's loss to L.A. Mayor-elect Jim Hahn, but L.A. Dep. Mayor Rocky Delgadillo's upset win over City Attorney frontrunner Mike Feuer. Will we see Rocky for Mayor billboards in 8 years? He's another Demo charismatic Latino with strong cross-over appeal...

◆ The Big Winner – Jim Hahn's campaign team: Bill Wardlaw, chair; Bill Carrick, tv media consultant; Kam Kuwata, strategist; Matt Middlebrook, cmp. mgr.; Stan Greenberg, pollster; Julie Wong, press secretary; and James Acevedo, GOTV...

◆ Best TV Ad Award – To David Axelrod, who produced the PG-rated Magic Johnson endorsement ad for Delgadillo. Johnson not only endorsed Rocky, but also Hahn...

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♦ **Best Radio Ad Award** – To L.A.-based Image Associates (Dan Blackburn), who produced two pro-Hahn IE radio ads for the L.A. Police Protective League...

♦ **Most Effective TV Ad Award** – To Bill Carrick, who produced The Vignali Pardon ad for Hahn's campaign...

♦ **The Big Mistake Award** – To the Villaraigosa campaign for not responding to the attack ad by Hahn. There was a ton of stuff that could have been used against Hahn, but for whatever reason, it wasn't used...

♦ **Big Loser #1** – Art Torres and the CA Demo Party. The CDP spent a ton on Villaraigosa and came up empty. The big question for Art: if Hahn had won the L.A. Co. Demo Party's endorsement, would you have spent the same kind of money for Hahn? All our sources say NO...

♦ **Longest Night Award** – To Miguel Contreras and the L.A. Co. Federation of Labor. Contreras let his long standing personal friendship for Villaraigosa cloud his judgment. FYI: the L.A. Co. Fed also backed losers Feuer and 3 council candidates. Not a very good night for Contreras. Will he be challenged for the leadership of the L.A. County Fed? Our sources say YES...

♦ **The Mixed Bag Award** – To L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan. He lost with Villaraigosa, but won big time with Delgadillo. Riordan also backed winning Council candidates Eric Garcetti, Jack Weiss and Janice Hahn...

♦ **Nincompoop Award** – To the L.A. Co. Demo Party Central Committee and their flawed endorsement process...

♦ **Revenge of the Powerful** – In the L.A. Mayor's race, it was the downtown special interests siding with Hahn vs. billionaires Broad, Burkle & Co. for Villaraigosa. In the L.A. City Attorney's race, big winners were the NRA and the outdoor advertising industry – both had long standing feuds with Feuer...

♦ **The Sacramento Disconnect** – For whatever reason, four candidates with CA Legislative backgrounds got mashed in the L.A. Muni election: Scott Wildman (in the April 10th primary); Antonio Villaraigosa; Carl Washington; and Tom Hayden...

♦ **Keep Your Eyes On** – The new crop of L.A. Councilmembers. Some have very bright political futures ahead of them: Janice Hahn, Jan Perry, Eric Garcetti, Jack Weiss, Ed Reyes and Dennis Zine. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2002: CALIFORNIA INITIATIVE UPDATE.

Editor's note: 3 additional initiatives have entered circulation for the November 2002 ballot. All 3 were submitted by Gerald Meral of the Planning & Conservation League, based in Sacto (916)444-8726. All three proposals are similar in language and all deal with transportation funding. And while there are 3 initiatives, it's very doubtful that Meral will circulate all of them. Regardless, Meral needs 419,260 valid signatures by Oct. 22nd...

☒ **Traffic Congestion Relief Trust Fund. Reallocation of Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Revenues** is the official title of this first statute. Moneys from this initiative would go to a Congestion Relief Trust Fund for programs aimed a traffic congestion relief...

☒ **Transportation. Traffic Congestion Relief Fund. Allocating Sales Tax Revenue from Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Fuel Sales** is the official title of the second statute by Meral. Does almost the same thing as #1, but it does authorize revenue bonds for capital outlay projects...

☒ **Transportation Funding. Use of Revenues from Sales and Use Taxes on Vehicle Fuels** is the official title of Meral's last statute. A more general approach, with the moneys going to highway and street construction, repair and maintenance and for public transportation purposes. Stay tuned...

SCHEDULE FOR BUILDING CALIF. POWER PLANTS

The following info came from the CA Energy Comm.'s web-site...

<u>County</u>	<u>Megawatts</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Online Date</u>
Contra Costa	559	7/99	7/01
Sutter	500	7/99	7/01
Kern	320	12/00	8/01
Orange*	450	5/01	8/01
Kern	1,048	1/00	12/01

Monterey	1,060	11/00	6/02
Kern	500	8/01	6/02
Contra Costa	880	4/00	7/02
San Bernardino	1,056	9/01	12/02

Kern	750	7/01	1/03
Riverside	520	5/01	3/03
Kern	500	4/01	3/03
San Diego	510	n/a	4/03
San Bernardino	720	4/01	7/03
Shasta	500	12/01	12/03
Contra Costa**	530	6/01	7/03

* This power plant in Huntington Beach is an older facility which is being repowered.

** This is an addition to an existing power plant.

ENERGY & POLITICS: CALIF. AG LOCKYER WILL GO TO SACRAMENTO CO. GRAND JURY IN EARLY JULY.

Editor's note: Here's another update on Calif.'s energy crisis...

● ***Lockyer Goes to Grand Jury*** – When a new Sacto Co. Grand Jury is named in early July, Calif. AG Bill Lockyer and his team of 80 attorneys will present all claims and evidence regarding alleged anti-trust violations & unfair business practices on the part of power generators and pipeline operators. Lockyer told an L.A. audience that his staff continues to go through hundreds of thousands of documents supplied by energy firms via subpoena (in most cases)...

◆ ***Has Calif. Turned the Corner??*** – The energy crisis began in July of 2000 (in San Diego). At the beginning of 2001, Gov. Gray Davis said the crisis would be solved within a matter of months. That was obviously very premature. And just this past week Gov. Davis told the L.A. Times' George Skelton that he believed the State had turned the corner. Is this again a little premature? Some **Calpeek** sources in Sacto (who don't always agree with Davis) think this time the governor may be right...

◆ ***Davis Vs. Hahn & LADWP*** – The war of words continues between Gov. Davis and L.A. Mayor-elect Jim Hahn over a State threat to seize excess energy produced by the LADWP. Sources predict massive legal actions by both sides unless a solution is found. Politically, does it make sense for Davis to alienate L.A. City voters with his tough talk???

◆ ***U.S. Senate Hearings on Energy Crisis*** – U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman's Govt. Affairs Cmt. holds another hearing on June 20th – this time focusing on FERC. Stay tuned...

FULL METAL JACKET: HANDGUN LICENSING BILLS PASS FIRST MAJOR TESTS IN CALIF. LEGISLATURE.

Editor's note: Here's a brief update on AB 35 (Shelley) and SB 52 (Scott). Both bills require handgun acquisition licensing. In other words, beginning in 2003, if you want to buy a handgun, you must first have a "license." Here's our brief update & analysis...

...Both these bills are out of their legislative houses of origin, but whether or not either will make it to Gov. Gray Davis' desk remains very much up in the air. And if they do arrive on Davis' desk, will he sign either one? No one really knows...

...Thanks to some help from legislative gun guru Irwin Nowick of State Sen. Steve Peace's office, both the Scott

and Shelley bills are now beefed up versions of the existing Basic Firearms Safety Certificate program created in 1991 by former Assemblyman Rusty Areias, who is now the head of the State Parks & Recreation Dept. Under the current Areias program, potential handgun buyer must view a 2-hour video or pass a written test on gun safety before getting a certificate. Under some new language authored by AG Bill Lockyer's office, the BFSC program will now require a written test in all cases (no video) AND a safe handling test before the certificate is approved. And both SB 52 and AB 35 will require the direct involvement of law enforcement...

...The safe handling test requires that the gun be fired. The NRA and the CA Sheriffs Assn., as well as PORAC, contend that if this provision is included, it will require the opening of many new shooting ranges. And the NRA says if either bill is approved and signed, it will go to court to force all law enforcement shooting ranges to be opened to the public. However, one doesn't have to go to a firing range in order to discharge a gun. There are drum devices now widely available and they can be used just as effectively...

...The only cop group in favor of either bill is the CA Police Chiefs Assn. It's a powerful group too, but whether Davis will sign such a bill given the opposition of Sheriffs and PORAC remains to be seen. Sources say Davis supports the idea to beef up BFSC in concept, but he will not sign a bill that cops actively oppose en masse – or which has the word "license" in it. Shelley has deleted the word "license" from his bill. The new word: certificate. FYI: sources say both bills still need more amendments. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S CAMPAIGN CONSULTANTS DIRECTORY

Calpeek is now sending out a 2nd round of questionnaires to consultants who still have not responded to the first request. If you are a consultant who has not received a questionnaire (and you want to be included in the new 2001-2002 **Directory of Campaign Consultants**) better contact Dick Rosengarten ASAP (310)659-0205. If you are interested in advertising in the new Directory, again please contact Publisher Dick Rosengarten. FYI: the back outside cover of the Directory has been sold. The advertising deadline is July 9th...

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CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few items, political & otherwise, worth noting...

■ **San Diego Special Election** – L.A. wasn't the only big city in Calif. to hold a June 5th election. In a special to replace former San Diego Councilwoman Valerie Stallings (who resigned under fire after pleading guilty to 2 misdemeanors for taking gifts from San Diego Padres owner John Moores), Donna Frye defeated favorite Steve Danon by a margin of 52.2% to 47.8%, Danon took a leave from his job as an aide to San Diego Co. Sup. Ron Roberts to run. The 6th District seat is up again in March 2002...

■ **Going After Contreras** – As noted in our L.A. Winners & Losers column, L.A. Fed. of Labor chief Miguel Contreras may have some challengers next time he faces reelection to his county labor post. Calpeek sources have IDed at least 2 potential challengers: West Coast UAW leader Al Ybarra and Laborer's Local #300 business mgr. Sergio Rascon. As Calpeek readers know, L.A. labor was split in the battle for L.A. mayor, with Contreras backing Antonio Villaraigosa. Rascon and most other Business & Construction Trade Union leaders were with winning candidate Jim Hahn...

■ **The Wachs Seat** – Although he still has two years to go until he's termed out, veteran L.A. Councilman Joel Wachs will resign his job in early October to take a job as head of a NY-based art foundation. The L.A. Council can't call a special until Wachs actually resigns and until that happens potential candidates are barred from raising money. The jockeying to replace Wachs has already begun, with at least three names surfacing. They include Lyn Shaw, a Demo Party activist (chair of the CDP's Women's Caucus); Mark Deerkin, aide to L.A. Councilman Alex Padilla; and Dreamworks corporate affairs exec Wendy Greuel, who used to work for HUD in DC and before that for the late Tom Bradley...

■ **L.A. Council Election Update** – Didn't get around to this last week, but the big winners in the June 5th runoff election were Jan Perry in the 9th over Assemblyman Carl Washington; Janice Hahn (Jim's sister) in the 15th over labor activist Hector Cepeda; Eric Garcetti (former DA Gil Garcetti's son) over former Councilman Mike Woo, in the 13th district; former U.S. Atty. Jack Weiss over former State Sen. Tom Hayden in the 5th district; and LAPD officer Dennis Zine over former city hall staffer Judith Hirshberg in the 3rd district. However, the margins in the 5th and 3rd are so narrow that late absentee ballots might impact these races. New updates are due on June 18th. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK's NEW JOBS AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: former Orange Co. Demo Congressman Richard Hanna has died. He was 87 and represented parts of O.C. from 1962-74. R.I.P...

● Gary Hunt has left his job as Exec VP of The Irvine Co. to become a partner in Calif. Strategies, with offices in S.F., San Diego & Sacto. Hunt will be based in Orange Co. Joining Hunt in O.C. will be Sue Kappas...

● Larry Grisolano has been named deputy director of the Gov. Gray Davis Cmt. Grisolano, who just came off a big win for L.A. City Atty-elect Rocky Delgadillo, will remain a partner in Chicago-based campaign consulting firm, The Strategy Group...

● L.A. Mayor-Elect Jim Hahn has named his campaign chair, Bill Wardlaw, to lead the transition team. In addition, Hahn has named his chief deputy in the City Attorney's office, Tim McOsker, as his new COS...

● Campaign consultant Darry Sragow has been named managing director of Calif. for Austin-based Public Strategies Inc. PSI currently operates in S.F. and Sacramento, with Sragow in the L.A. area...

● Jennifer Openshaw has been named by Gov. Davis to the Little Hoover Commission. Openshaw is the founder of the Women's Financial Network...

● The opinion research/strategic communications firm of Probolsky & Assoc. has moved to 3001 Redhill Ave., Bldg. 5, #105, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. (714)540-2200...

CALPEEK'S CALENDAR OF POLITICAL EVENTS

June 28-30	NALEO's 18 th Annual Conference, San Jose.
July 15-17	DLC Nat'l Convention, Indianapolis, IN.
July 20-Aug. 20	CA Legislature's summer recess.
July 26-29	Reform Party USA will hold its 5 th annual convention, Renaissance Hotel, Nashville, TN.
Sept. 11	Special election – L.A. City 4 th Council Dist.
Sept. 28-29	CA Political Attorneys Assn. convention, Monterey.
Oct. 14	Last day for Gov. Davis to sign bills.
Oct. 29	Calif. candidate declaration of intent for 2002.
Nov. 9-12	IAPC 34 th World Conference, Malta.
Nov. 27-Dec. 1	Nat'l League of Cities – Atlanta, GA